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# Albania ERC Supports "CORNERSTONE 2001"

LT Steven W. Ashton, CEC, USN HQ, Operations

LAC, Albania - Joint USEUCOM Exercise Cornerstone '01 commenced April 1, 2001 in Northern Albania. This engineering exercise, led by the United States, consists of more than 350 personnel from 6 nations constructing an important section of road along the Milot River, a main NATO supply route. The training exercise is allowing engineers from Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, and the United States to work together to overcome communication and logistic challenges on a large construction project.

In October 2000, CNE contacted EFA MED to support Cornerstone '01 with the design and execution of renovations to the base camp facilities. The original plan was to have EFA MED provide QA support in the execution of the U.S. funded ERC by the Albanian MOD engineering brigade. In November 2000, a site visit was conducted to survey the base camp facilities, review the Albanian MOD's plans, and to "finalize" all the base camp plans. The original exercise was to involve no more than 150 personnel. It had now grown to in excess of 400+ (for planning purposes) personnel. It was determined that the camp facilities at this location were completely insufficient to support the growing exercise.



Photo by LT Steve Ashton A visit with the Seabees during "Cornerstone '01"

During that same planning conference, an idea was discussed that another base camp site, at the Tank Battalion Headquarters in Lac, Albania, would provide the facilities required to support the exercise. A site visit was conducted. All "nations" agreed that this was the ideal location. The original plans (complete renovation drawings) from the first base camp were "thrown out," and new sketches were started. EFA MED was then tasked

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# 2001 Armed Forces Olympics



By Chris Stevenson HQ, Operations

NAPLES, Italy - The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat. An impressive display of speed, strength and agility; sunburns, tattoos, sweat and mud. For the Naples CEC wardroom team of EFA MED, OICC Naples, ROICC Southern Italy, and PWD NSA Naples, the Annual Armed Forces Olympics at Carney Park was a chance to compete with the biggest and best athletes in the Naples military community.

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# **COMMANDER'S**

#### **CORNER**

CAPT James W. Hollrith CEC, USN Commanding Officer Engineering Field Activity, Mediterranean



Welcome to Summer 2001! As you read through this issue of our newsletter, you'll notice that we certainly had a busy Spring. I am always impressed by the work of our EFA MED Team members across Europe. From supporting contingency exercises to contracting, designing and constructing facilities, your efforts are making a difference for our clients. I'd like to extend my congratulations to our six Employees of the Year, recently recognized for their outstanding contributions to the EFA MED mission. Bravo Zulu!

It's that time of the year again—fourth quarter. Year end execution is critical to the success of both our clients and ourselves as a command and a NAVFAC component. The fourth quarter is also our last opportunity to push to accomplish our WIP/FIP/RIP targets for this year. In addition, of course, those projects we award this quarter will provide a good basis for meeting our goals next year. Keep focused and keep pressing forward, as I know you can.

As important as execution is to us, it's also important to recharge our batteries during the summer leave season now that school is out. With careful planning, individually and command-wide, both can and should happen! As always, be safe, work hard, take time to smell the roses and have fun! •

# Groundbreaking: DoDDs Elementary School at Rota Naval Base

By LT Skip McGinley, CEC, USN ROICC, Rota Spain

ROTA, Spain - The new DoDDs Elementary school at Rota Naval Base was awarded March 21 2001 to Fomento de Construccion, FCC, for \$10.7 million. The project was designed by Mitchell Giurgola, with support from GyA Promotores. The ROICC Rota Project team for this complex project consists of Project Engineer Celio Cedeño, Construction Representative Julio Garcia-Morales, and Contract Specialist David Julian. The project includes the construction of a new elementary school with gym and the renovation of the local youth center. The project is currently scheduled to be completed in August 2003. The options (yet to be funded) include the construction of new secondary school gym and new multi-purpose building.

Because of the high visibility of the project and the concern for the local base community safety, the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction has been submitting numerous articles describing the project to the base newspaper. In addition, the ROICC recently held a town hall meeting to answer questions.

The new school and associated buildings will be constructed on the existing school premises and will pose significant scheduling challenges for the ROICC, contractor and school administrators. Safety for the local community is the ROICCs #1 concern and will be strictly enforced during the length of the project. ◆



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#### Flightline Gate, Aviano

By LTJG Gerald Lowe, CEC, USN ROICC Northern Italy

Aviano Air Base, ITALY - The old Flightline Gate is one of the least "traveled" sites on Aviano Air Base. However, after completion of a new project in December 2001 (\$1.1M in NATO & U.S. funds, Upgrade Flightline Entry) this area will be the 'most traveled' site on base. How do you get to that point?

To successfully manage and complete any project, coordination and cooperation between various agencies is needed. This could not be truer than with the Main Flightline Entry project. Multiple agencies and clients including USAFE, LANTDIV, 31<sup>st</sup> FW, 31<sup>st</sup> Security Forces, 31<sup>st</sup> CES, PMO, and local governments started working together with the Navy's Resident Officer In Charge of Construction (ROICC N. Italy) during the design phase. This working relationship has continued into the construction phase. By optimizing this working relationship, ROICC N. Italy has successfully



Artist's rendering of the future Flightline Gate

faced various challenges during construction, such as a myriad of underground utilities (including base's primary communications feed), an aggressive schedule, and maintaining access and uninterrupted services to 31<sup>st</sup> Security Forces & Italian Air Force facilities during construction. The schedule is aggressive in order to ensure completion of our work "on-base" prior to the local Italian Province's "off-base" project, an over-pass off of SS-13.

Clearly, maintaining that close coordination and cooperation is the winning combination for providing the professional, timely, best value product that has become the trademark of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. ROICC N. Italy is keeping this combination in mind while managing this project.



Photo by LTJG Lowe

Foundation for the new Flightline gate

The office's efforts will culminate in a precedent setting main entrance for the U.S. Air Force, including a Visitor's Center, Guardhouse, and roads designed to handle the heavy flow of on- and off-base traffic. ◆

#### **Upcoming Events**

18-22 Jun	Class, CON244, MED HQ
18-22 Jun	Class, Techniques of Negotiating
	Federal Real Property Leases,
	MED HQ
20-21 Jun	LANTDIV Board of Directors
	Mtg
26-28 Jun	Leadership Council, Port Hue-
	neme
25-28 Jun	Class, Federal Appropriation Law,
	MED HQ
9-13 Jul	<b>EUCOM Environmental Confer-</b>
	ence, Germany
13 Jul	EFA MED Summer Picnic
1 Aug	Application Deadline, spring EIT/
	PE Exam*
22-24 Aug	LANTDIV Board of Directors
	Mtg
14 Sep	EFA MED Change of Command
26 Oct	P.E. Exam*, HQ
27 Oct	E.I.T. Exam*, HQ

<sup>\*</sup> North Carolina Exam (for more info, contact David P. Isbell, R.A., HQ)

# Headquarters Spotlight: Resource Management Department (N1)

Let's see... there's the travel requests that always seem to come in on Friday afternoon. The innumerable requests for personnel actions. The million or so excel budget spreadsheets on the N drive. And then there are those computer viruses!

The Resources Management Department at Headquarters handles budget, computers, security, travel, time cards, civilian payroll, command directives, and personnel issues. So they have all those fun things to deal with every day.

So what's it like to work in N1? Well, from an outsider's perspective, they always seem to be faced with those last minute priority issues. Another travel request due by the end of the day; another personnel action that has to be signed by 1100; or another budget iteration (please slice and dice this data by prod-



The N1 staff poses under the watchful eye of Mount Vesuvius.

uct line, funding code, work center, and go back the last five Fiscal years); another lost airline ticket; these drawings needed to be in Sigonella YESTER-DAY; another virus to deal with ASAP (oh - and can you get rid of the virus and keep the server up at the same time?)

They all seem to handle the pressure well - although some days it looks like more hair (on those that still have some left) is standing on end than others. They do find time to address new initiatives

such as implementing NEAMIS, Windows 2000, an electronic help desk, tying into the CITRIX servers; visiting the field offices for FIS financial training; and revising the Administrative Procedures and Standard Organization and Regulations Manuals. Well done, Team! ◆

# Some Southern (U.S.) Hospitality For An Italian General

By LT Mark Russell, CEC, USN Mixed Commission Officer, EFA MED HQ

Lieutenant General Vittorio Colucci, Direttore della Direzione Generale dei Lavori e del Demanio (GENIDOIFE) - the Italian equivalent of NAVFAC recently visited the United States at the invitation of RDML Phillips. During his weeklong visit, the General received numerous briefs which addressed "right-sizing the military," quality of life, and integration of a co-ed workforce. As the Italian Military transitions to an all-volunteer service, they face many of the same challenges the U.S. encountered in the past. As the GEN-IODIFE Director, General Colucci was interested in sharing information that could affect base infrastructures and construction criteria, especially in Europe. The trip commenced in Washington D.C. at a meeting with RADM Johnson, Chief of Civil Engineers. Accompanied by CAPT Hollrith, CO, Engineering Field Activity Mediterranean, the group then went to Norfolk, Virginia for briefings with LANTDIV, CINCLANTFLT, and JFCOM. Tours of ROICC Sewells Point construction projects gave the General a good understanding of various U.S. building and contracting methods. For the General, the highlight of the trip was a visit to CBC Gulfport, MS for a demonstration of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion capabilities.

The trip helped renew understanding of the differences in U.S. and Italian cultures, and helped develop an appreciation for the methodology the U.S.



Touring the top deck of double decker Pier 2, which is 1500' long and scheduled to be completed by 15 November 2001.

employed when implementing many of the same force changes contemplated for the Italian military. As the trip ended, the General expressed his sincere appreciation to all the individuals that worked to put the trip together. This type of senior officer interaction is key to the continued success of future U.S. projects and base development in Italy. •

# Field Office Spotlight: Resident Officer In Charge of Construction, Cairo

By LT Andrew Crigler, CEC, USN OICC Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt - Imagine driving to work every day beneath the shadows of not only the Pyramids of Giza, the greatest of the wonders of the ancient world, but also along the crenelated walls of the Citadel, home to the infamous Salah El-Din, the schemer who at a stroke crushed the powers of the European Crusaders in the Islamic world and wrested control of Egypt for himself from his Turkish masters.

During this same drive, however, one can sometimes forget the wonder of driving amongst the relics of 5,000 years of history when otherwise occupied with the mundane routines of breathing in a haze of frighteningly polluted air while performing the delicate task of weaving a multi-ton light-armored vehicle safely through a roiling sea of vintage Fiats, concrete trucks, donkeys, and pedestrians - all of whom have no appreciation for traffic laws or seemingly, self preservation.

The ROICC Cairo office is as small as an office can be while maintaining the necessary separation of responsibilities. Everyone in the office, except for the contract specialist, is double-hatted into the Public Works Depart-



ROICC Cairo prepares for another typical day at the office.



ment, and all are dedicated to the cradle-to-grave management of facilities necessary to keep the host command's medical research on track.

As this line of feature articles about the Field Offices moves from East to West, it is interesting to see the changes in local customs. In Cairo, the workweek is Sunday to Thursday. Arabic is the official language of Egypt. In addition to "Insha 'Allah," (if God permits) which was introduced in the last article, a favored phrase in Cairo is the rather unsettling "Ba'ad bokra" which means literally, "After tomorrow." This is the almost universal response given by contractors when the OICC asks when a task will be completed. Apparently, completion dates can only be narrowed down so precisely. Usually "Insha' Allah," is thrown in as well to provide an additional margin for error.

The ROICC Cairo office recommends that everyone take advantage of their time in the EFAMED area to ride a MAC flight in to Egypt to enjoy the history of Cairo. Should you come, be sure to give us a call so that we can extend detailed travel advice along with the hearty welcome, "Ahlan wa sahlan!"

#### **Armed Forces Olympics**

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The morning began with a review of last year's results. "There must be some mistake!" declared the team, upon seeing that the 2000 CEC Wardroom team placed in absolutely no events. With great fervor and determination, the team vowed to place in at least ONE event in 2001.

After the first two events, the CEC Wardroom was "Numero Uno" out of 14 teams. The 10K relay team (John McGrath, Chris Stevenson, LCDR Eric Aaby, and LT Steve Ashton) crossed the finish line almost a full minute ahead of the next, and the team banner (brainchild of LT Steve Ashton, team captain) took first place in the banner competi-

tion. The men's and women's arm-wrestling competitions were keen, with Renee Lightcap (HQ) and LT Greg Ames (OICC Naples) displaying great fortitude against competitors twice their size. LT Ames' attempts to intimidate his opponents were well appreciated by the bleacher crowd, all of whom were thankful that they didn't have to compete against the impressive line-up of biceps. LCDR Leanne Aaby and LT Steve Ashton excelled in the chin up competition, taking home gold (Aaby) and bronze (Ashton) medals. The Volleyball Team of Dave Isbell, LCDR Eric Aaby, LCDR Gary Wick, and ENS Ben Leppard won a Silver medal after more than 3 grueling hours of competition. LCDR Eric Aaby and

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Photo by LT Scot Sanders



Photo by LT Scot Sanders

#### **ROICC Aviano Works Off Base**

By LT Scot Sanders ROICC Northern Italy

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy - Construction contracts in Italy require adapting, improvising, and overcoming numerous cultural, and physical barriers. This normally demands a significant amount of communication and coordination when the work occurs on government property. The situation intensifies outside limits of the base.

However, George Condoyiannis (Project Engineer) and Joseph Panigutti, (Construction Representative), successfully met these challenges as they drove completion of the sanitary sewer force main connecting the 16th Air Force Headquarters Compound to the waste disposal system on the Flightline at Aviano Air Base. This work, accomplished during February 2001, involved installation of 500 meters of HDPE pipe that traversed under privately owned property, the Aviano-Pordenone Highway, the Province's concrete lined irrigation canal and perimeter security fencing for the base. The total installation time of three weeks was over a month less than the duration anticipated by ROICC Northern Italy's customers.

This unique opportunity demanded interface and coordination with three different construction contractors on three separate but adjacent construction projects, representatives of the Pordenone Province, Base Civil Engineering and Base Security Forces. Its completion marks a significant milestone in the \$6.3 million Flightline Utilities contract, one of the primary infrastructure upgrades in direct support of the \$530 million Aviano 2000 Program. ◆

#### The Crane in Spain: Repair of 50-Ton Portal Crane at NAVSTA Rota

By Forrest Gross, PW Production Group and Patricia Ponce-Feliu, ROICC Contract Specialist ROICC Rota

ROTA, Spain - The co-location of runway and port facilities in Rota provide a unique capability in the theater for transition of cargo between air, sea, and land carriers in response to strategic needs. A portal crane, and the speed with which it can move cargo, is the fulcrum point in this capability.

After five years of lobbying, funds were appropriated for the 20-year life-extension overhaul of the 50-ton portal crane located on Pier 1 in the port at Naval Station, Rota, Spain. This crane was dead-lined (taken out of service) in 1995 based on a Navy Crane Center determination that it was no longer safe to operate.

The solicitation process for the overhaul is well under way. A site visit was held on 28 March, and prospective offerors examined the crane, including the operator's cabin, the exterior and the ground level tracks.



Photo by LT McGinley

As a result of this overhaul, Naval Station Rota, Spain will accomplish logistics movements to support the Fleet, with increased speed and efficiency via our port with our own assets, and realize a cost savings by not contracting for the same service. •

# The Personnel Page (March 2001 through May 2001)

# EFA MED 2001 Employees of the Year

Every Spring, Engineering Field Activity, Mediterranean takes the opportunity to recognize its superior performers from the past year. This year was no exception, with the announcement of the following six employees of the year:

Employee of the Year: Paul Miller, Design Product Line, Headquarters

Field Employee of the Year: Terry Quinn, ROICC Bahrain

Military Engineer of the Year: LCDR (S) Dodd Naiser, CEC USN, formerly of ROICC Sigonella, now at PWD Sigonella

Civilian Engineer of the Year: Tony Militello, Design Product Line, Headquarters

Senior Administrative Employee of the Year: Marco Flumene, Resource Management, Headquarters

Junior Administrative Employee of the Year: Monica Lingeri, ROICC Northern Italy

Congratulations to Terry Quinn (ROICC Bahrain) who was also selected as the LANTDIV Field Employee of the Year. Bravo Zulu to this year's winners!

#### **Awards**

#### **EFA MED HO**

Brenda Archer, Christy Beckman, Christopher Biglin (formerly of HQ), Karla Brown, Jeffrey Casalina, Thomas Curry, Stefano DiFilippo, Tina Fabozzo, Leandro Fernandez, Marco Flumene, Wallace French, Janice Gurganus, Thomas Hernandez, James Hogenson, Ted Jones, Renee Lightcap, Mark Nelson, Alisa Mahaffey, Iolanda Marinelli, Jerry McMahan, Paul Miller, Patrick Moran, Phillip Nguyen, Marlene Olsen, Lorenzo Pece, Pat Rufus, Nives Russo-Weeks, Brian Sanders, Cassey Sheppard, Christine Stevenson, John Thumma, Paul Wang

ROICC Bahrain Terry Quinn

**ROICC Rota** Celio Cedeno, David Julian, Jose Hernandez (LOA from USAFE)

ROICC Souda Bay Samuel Bowman, Patrick Donnelly

**ROICC Northern Italy** William Crone

**ROICC Southern Italy** Elsa Cambria

ROICC Vicenza Charles Benson, Susanne Grant

#### **Arrivals**

Larry Ashfield, Supv General Engineer, ROICC Souda Bay Jack Bellamy, Supv General Engineer, ROICC Northern Italy Andrew Harris, Contract Specialist, ROICC Southern Italy Joan Kaimikaua, Contract Specialist, HQ John Knox, Project Manager, HQ Maria Malam, Contract Specialist, ROICC Southern Italy Bill Powers, Environmental Engineer, HQ Suzanne Spence, Project Manager, HQ Victor Walk, Supv General Engineer, ROICC Southern Italy Diana Yates, Procurement Clerk, ROICC Rota Yarinee Zafur, Mgt Assistant, HQ

# Departures

Samuel Bowman, ROICC Souda Bay Giovanna Carli, ROICC Sigonella Tim O'Connell, HQ Beverly O'Hagan, ROICC Southern Italy Terry Quinn, Bahrain Dora Siragusa, ROICC Southern Italy Willie Wells, ROICC Souda Bay

# **Employment Opportunities**

All Announcements are open until filled

Supv. General Engineer (LaMadd) GS-0801-12 General Engineer (Rota) GS-0801-12 General Engineer (Sigonella) GS-0801-12 Contract Specialist (Bahrain) GS-1102-12 Contract Specialist (Souda Bay) GS-1102-12 Contract Specialist (Sigonella) GS-1102-12 Procurement Tech (London) GS/BGS-1106-05/06

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#### Cornerstone 01

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on the spot to "make it happen." Rough designs were completed by LT Steve Ashton, EFA MED's Contingency Engineer, and LCDR Gordie Clark, the Seabee Planning Officer at CNE.

In January, EFA MED was informed that the Albanian MOD would no longer be able to support the renovation/construction on the new base camp due to a new commitment of their engineering brigade for road construction in Southern Albania. This was not good news for a major exercise that was due to start in less than three months time. The following day, LT Ashton arrived in Pristina, Kosovo to meet with the KFOR ELMS (Engineering Logistics Maintenance Service) contractor, ESKO (UK) Limited, to discuss the possibility of supporting the construction work required in Lac, Albania. After determining that they had the construction capability available from their support of NATO operations at the COMZ WEST Base Camp in Durres, Albania, a site visit was set up to discuss and finalize the renovation plans for the required work.

An initial site visit with the proposed contractor was conducted in February. The following week, plans were made to issue ESKO (UK) a Delivery Order under the provisions of their existing KFOR ELMS contract to execute all work in Lac, Albania. Due to the difficulties and time constraints of passing the required funding from EFA MED to a NATO contract, a separate construction contract between EFA MED and ESKO (UK) Limited was negotiated and signed for execution of the renovation work at the Tank Battalion Headquarters.

In less than two months, a new 60,000 liter water storage tank with a water feed and distribution system was installed throughout the camp facilities. Renovation work was completed in two dormitory buildings, a security building, an office building, the Head-quarters Facility, the medical facility, and the kitchen and galley facility. Extensive site work was also completed, including new sewer lines to a main underground septic tank, demolition of various exterior head facilities, footpath and bridge improvements, main electrical power line installations, and exterior lighting improvements.

All in all, with less than \$200K available for all renovation work, significant improvements were completed on the camp to greatly improve the living conditions and operational capabilities of the Tank Battalion Headquarters in Lac, Albania. Under the excellent direction of the ESKO Project Manager, Mr. Angelo Perrone, ESKO (UK) Limited and their sub-contractors completed all renovation work in less than two months. It was a very impressive accomplishment. The troops at Cornerstone '01 now have the facilities necessary to effectively support their training mission, and the improvements made to the Tank Battalion Headquarters in Lac, Albania will be utilized for years to come by the Albanian military. •



Photo by LT Steve Ashton

Original Kitchen Facility



Photo by LT Steve Ashton

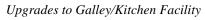




Photo by LT Steve Ashton Tank Battalion Headquarters, Lac, Albania

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#### **Armed Forces Olympics**

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Chris Stevenson braved another sea of biceps in the bench-press competition, with LCDR Aaby walking away with a bronze medal.

One of the many unique events involved a large inflatable foosball "table" filled with a human foosball team, composed of CDR Tim Burns, CAPT Jim Hollrith, CDR Bill Grip, LT Mark Russell, CAPT Darrell Van Hutten, and LTJG Rich Kelley. Upon being asked how it felt to be a moving piece in an arcade game, LT Mark Russell said "Tis better to be the mallet than the ball."

One of the most entertaining events of the day was the Obstacle course, run by CDR Grip and LCDR Eric Aaby. Although neither followed the crowd's encouragement to dive and swim through the mud pit, they completed the event with admirable speed and style. LTJG Rich Kelley and Chris Stevenson participated in the bungee run, and despite being slung back like human slingshots, they both limped away with bronze medals. Also showing good sportsmanship were LT Charlie Peterson and Mark Bennett in the homerun contest, LT Ashton and LCDR Leanne Aaby in the 100m dash, CDR Burns and CAPT Hollrith in the horseshoe competition, and CDR Grip and Mark Bennett in the Basketball hotshot competition. The last event of the day was a tug-of-war contest. While the lean and mean CEC Wardroom team was dragged through the mud pit by two other teams, we still earned points for participating.

In the end, the CEC Wardroom had an extremely successful day. Bravo Zulu to LT Steve Ashton for leading the team this year! Not only did participant's earn a free lunch, a day in the sunshine, and non-stop entertainment, the team earned 12 medals in individual events and an overall fourth place out of 14 teams. The standard has now been set for the 2002 CEC Wardroom team! ◆



Photo by CDR Tim Burns

The final leg of the winning 10K Relay Team